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Mr. Gregory Keyes  
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Re: U.S. Patent Application for "MOTOR VEHICLE DOOR"  
Serial No. 09/672,393 filed on September 28, 2000  
Our File No. 60,130-899; Meritor File No. 00MRA0028

U.S. Patent Application "VEHICLE DOOR"  
Serial No. 09/672,468 filed on September 28, 2000  
Our File No. 60,130-900; Meritor File No. 00MRA0030

Dear Mr. Keyes:

I have enclosed copies of the above-identified patent applications as filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Also enclosed is a Declaration and Assignment for your execution. Please **sign and date** the Declaration and Assignment and return these papers to our office as soon as possible for filing with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. If any changes are made to the Assignment or Declaration, please be sure to initial your handwritten changes.

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

CARLSON, GASKEY & OLDS

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Enclosures

cc: Scott M. Confer, Esq. (w/o encls)  
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Docket No. 60,130-899

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated near our names below; that we are joint inventors and we believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which was filed on September 28, 2000; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

German Application No. 19946307.7, Filed September 28, 1999;  
German Application No. 20006773.7, Filed April 12, 2000; and  
German Application No. 20009435.1, Filed May 29, 2000.

We hereby appoint M. Lee Murrah, Registration No. 27,460; Theodore W. Olds, Registration No. 33,080; Scott M. Confer, Registration No. 40,568; John E. Carlson, Registration No. 37,794; David J. Gaskey, Registration No. 37,139; Kerrie A. Laba, Registration No. 42,777; William Gottschalk, Registration No. 44,130; David Wisz, Registration No. 46,350; Karin H. Butchko, Registration No. 45,864, John Sirgusz, Registration No. 46,174 and Anthony P. Cho, Registration No. 47,209 as our attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and any foreign patent office connected herewith. Please address all correspondence and telephone calls to:

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